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FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS APPROVED BY IEA GOVERNING BOARD
AND RELEASED TO PRESS NOVEMBER 18.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

1. THE ENERGY CRISIS HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THE NEED FOR
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THIS FIELD. THE AGREEMENT
RELATING TO AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME IS
ACCORDINGLY THE OUTCOME OF A JOINT ENDEAVOUR TO FURTHER
CO-OPERATION AMONG OECD COUNTRIES. IT IS AN ACT TO
PROMOTE CLOSER RELATIONS AND SOLIDARITY, FROM WHICH ANY
NOTION OF ANTAGONISM OR CONFRONTATION DIRECTED AT ANY
QUARTER IS ABSOLUTELY EXCLUDED.

THE CO-ORDINATING GROUP SET UP BY THE FEBRUARY 1974
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE HAS MET ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS;
LAST SEPTEMBER IT SUBMITTED A PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO THE
OTHER OECD COUNTRIES AND COMPLETED ITS WORK. THE
FOLLOWING COUNTRIES SIGNED THE AGREEMENT ON 18TH
NOVEMBER: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY,
IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN,
SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED
STATES.

2. IN ORDER TO MEET THE AIMS WHICH THE PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES HAVE SET THEMSELVES, THIS CO-OPERATION HAD TO
FULFIL AT LEAST TWO IMPERATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

- (A) IT MUST MAKE IT POSSIBLE AT ANY TIME TO HAVE A
"HORIZONTAL" VIEW OF ENERGY QUESTIONS IN ALL
THEIR ASPECTS, WHETHER TECHNOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC,
COMMERCIAL, MONETARY, FINANCIAL OR POLITICAL;
- (B) IT MUST INCORPORATE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR CO-OPERATION
AND OF RAPIDLY BEING PUT IN MOTION ON THE BASIS
OF EFFICIENT DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY.

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THE AGENCY'S OPERATION.

3. THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT
THE AGENCY APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE A
BODY OF THE OECD, AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH THEY BELONG
AND IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN CO-OPERATING FOR A NUMBER OF
YEARS.

UNDER THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS' NAMELY THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY AS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ORGANISATION, TWO AIMS CAN BE RECONCILED: THE NECESSARY POLITICAL IMPETUS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK CAN BE MAINTAINED, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND THE FUND OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE LOGISTIC RESOURCES OF AN EXPERIENCED ORGANISATION CAN BE DRAWN UPON. THE AGENCY IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF EXISTING ORGANISATIONS.

IN ADDITION, THE FACT OF NOT SETTING UP AN ENTIRELY NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION CONFIRMS THE DESIRE OF THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES NOT TO BUILD A SYSTEM OF CONFRONTATION VIS-A-VIS ANY QUARTER, BUT ON THE CONTRARY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

4. FROM THE OUTSET OF ITS WORK, THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SHOWN SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM OF CO-OPERATION WITH OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND WITH OTHER OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES; ITS AIMS IN THIS REGARD ARE CONFIRMED IN ARTICLE 44 OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES WISH THIS CO-OPERATION TO BE

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ONE OF THE NEW AGENCY'S MAIN ACTIVITIES. THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL BE HELPED IN THIS TASK BY A STANDING GROUP.

5. IN THE MATTER OF LONG-TERM CO-OPERATION, ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS IS LESSER DEPENDENCE BY THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES IN FUTURE ON THE USE OF OIL.

THE EXPRESSION "LONG-TERM CO-OPERATION" MUST NOT BE INTERPRETED IN A DILATORY SENSE: ON THE CONTRARY, THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES INTEND TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS FORTHWITH, THE EFFECTS OF WHICH WILL BECOME EVIDENT IN THE MEDIUM OR LONG TERM. ARTICLE 43 OF THE AGREEMENT MOREOVER FIXES A DEADLINE FOR THE DECISION WHICH THE GOVERNING BOARD IS TO TAKE ON THE PROPOSALS MADE TO IT.

THE FIELD OF ACTION OF THE STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM CO-OPERATION IS PARTICULARLY VAST, SINCE IN ADDITION TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN TEN PRIORITY AREAS IT INCLUDES RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY, URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY, WHILE NOT FORGETTING PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRON-

MENT.

6. IN ADDITION TO THESE ACTIVITIES, THE INTENTION OF THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES WAS, AS IT WERE, TO TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES OF SUPPLY. THEY HAVE ACCORDINGLY ESTABLISHED A PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES, INCLUDING A SYSTEM OF OIL SHARING IN AN EMERGENCY, WHICH SYSTEM MUST BE PRECISE AND STRICT IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT ARISE. BECAUSE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER CHAPTERS I TO IV ARE PARTICULARLY DETAILED, BUT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO INFER FROM THIS THAT THEY ARE OF A MORE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE THAN THE OTHERS, OR EVEN THAT THEY CONSTITUTE THE ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PROGRAMME.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO SOLVE MEMBER COUNTRIES' DIFFICULTIES; IN SO UNCLASSIFIED

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DOING THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEEDS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. ARTICLE 11 OF THE AGREEMENT SETS OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME.

7. CHAPTERS V AND VI OF THE AGREEMENT CONTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CO-OPERATION OF THE OIL COMPANIES. THESE PROVISIONS GO BEYOND WHAT IS REQUIRED IN AN

EMERGENCY, SINCE THEY AIM TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE AGENCY, A PERMANENT FRAMEWORK FOR CONSULTATION, AND AN INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL INCLUDE A GENERAL SECTION ON STRUCTURES AND THE ACTIVITIES OF COMPANIES, AND ON COSTS AND PRICES.

THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CO-ORDINATING GROUP AND THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES CONSTITUTED A GOOD START FOR FUTURE WORK.

8. THE AGREEMENT IS OPEN TO ALL OECD COUNTRIES WISHING TO JOIN WHICH ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO MEET ITS REQUIREMENTS.

THE AGREEMENT IS ALSO OPEN TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, AND IT IS STATED THAT IT CANNOT IN ANY WAY IMPEDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATIES ESTABLISHING THOSE COMMUNITIES.

9. NORWAY HAS NOT BECOME A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH IT SHARES THE VIEWS OF THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES ON THE NEED FOR CO-OPERATION AND SOLIDARITY IN ENERGY MATTERS. IT HAS SUGGESTED IT SHOULD EXPLORE WITH THE AGENCY THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LATTER. THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL EXAMINE THIS PROPOSAL.

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